

King's Children.

WHAT READEST THOU?

EMMA PUTERBAUCH.

Some one has said that a man is known by the company he keeps, we say he is also known by the books he reads, besides the persons with whom we associate that have more influence over us than the books we read. That which we read and study becomes a part of our very being. It is very evident that two people that are constantly in each others company become to think, speak and act alike, so we become to think like the authors we read.

But some one says since we must read, what shall we read. For life would be robbed of half of its joy were we deprived of the privilege of reading. The question is sometimes asked, Would you have us read nothing but the Bible? While we believe that to be the book of books, there are many good and instructive books beside to read, but let us first read our Bibles. To the boys and girls we would say, do not neglect while young the reading of the Bible, be not ashamed to be seen reading that which come from God and all the powers of darkness cannot destroy. There will a time come to each one of us, though now we may be young and thoughtless, that that book and that alone can comfort us. The daughter of a celebrated infidel was about to die, she sent for her father and told him she was about to die and asked, "Shall I believe in the principles which you have recommended or shall I believe in the religion which my mother taught me?" He replied "Believe what your mother has taught you." Sir Walter Scott on his last sickness said "bring me the book" on being asked what book, he replied "there is but one book—the Bible." May that book to each of the K. C. be the book of books.

We believe when we really become in love with the Bible that the dime novel and trashy newspapers will have no attraction for us. We believe that the reading of the Bible will create in our hearts the desire for good and instructive reading. The reading of books written by men after God's own heart, that we by getting help from great minds may become better ourselves. If by reading good books we are made better boys and girls, and better men and women, how careful we should then be in our reading that that alone may be read by us which will elevate the mind.

Life is too short to spend our time reading that which only does not help us, but which is really an injury to us. Why are so many young men in our penitentiaries? Go and ask them why; many of

them will tell you that their first steps downward were the reading of impure literature. Many to-day might be filling honorable positions had it not been for the reading of the impure literature that they did which so filled their minds, that there was no room for good, and evil actions was the result.

If we wish to take something from a child, we place in its reach something more attractive. We are all only children and if we wish to take the evil literature from those who love it we must give them something attractive in its place. Let us then make an effort to place within the reach of the young people such books that will make them fitted for the great work of life, and may we do our best to help them cultivate a taste for that which will elevate and enable them.

"If this great humanity share not in our gain,
We have lived our lives in vain."

Lanark, Ill.

FROM ENON, IOWA.

The Enon K. C. held its second social at the home of brother Elias Bickley, last Friday night, Feb. 21. It was a pronounced success. Many not members were present, and enjoyed the evening's entertainment given in Christ's name. Pray for us. J. L. GILLIN.

FROM LANARK, ILL.

I will write again for the King's Children of Lanark. We have good meetings and they are interesting. We have about seventy members. At the beginning of the year the same president Mr. Hepfer was re-elected. We hold our meeting in the lecture room and it is very nearly filled every Sunday evening. The church is not lighted by electric lights yet, but will be in the near future. The K. C. will give a musical program some Sunday evening soon. The Program Committee almost every Sunday evening have something special prepared. Either a song, paper, or a recitation, or perhaps both paper and song.

The committees are all earnest, and we believe and trust much good will be accomplished this year by the K. C. Society. MILES M. GIBSON.

GIVING up for Christ is an enriching process. Whatever we lay down here in order to please and honor our Master will be laid up to our account yonder. Our God is a faithful trustee; he keeps His books of remembrance. He will reward every one according as his work shall be. —Dr. T. L. Cuyler.

On the 22nd of February the Republican party was forty years old.

Church News.

FROM MASONTOWN, PA.

Will begin a series of meetings at Fairchance, Pa., on Lord's day evening, March 22. This is a mission point. Have preached several times for them during the summer, and think the outlook good. Will hold meetings in the Town Hall. If any of our brethren could give us a lift at that time would be very acceptable. Fairchance is quite a place and is situated at terminus of P. R. R. and also on line of B. and O., between Uniontown and Morgantown. J. W. FITZGERALD.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

At our council meeting last week, it was decided to hold the Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia Conference at Maurertown some time in May. All the congregations in the three states above mentioned should at once elect their delegates and send them with properly authenticated credentials. The ratio of representation is one delegate for each twenty five members or fraction thereof. Provisions as food will be supplied on the grounds free to all delegates and members of the church. The church in which the conference will be held is in sight of the depot of the B. & O. railroad. We are going to look for a large turn out.

GEO. A. COPP.

FROM NEW PARIS, IND.

According to promise in my last writing, I take the opportunity now to fulfill the same. Our series of meetings closed last Sunday evening. We labored under many inconveniences, although not discouraged by any means. We know we shall prevail, if faithful until the end. Inclemency of the weather, together with bad roads, and ill health of our pastor, was somewhat against us, but as we cannot control these powers, we took the greater interest in what does devolve upon us. We heard twenty-five soul-cheering sermons in all. Twenty-three by our pastor, A. S. Menaugh, and two by G. W. Rench of Milford. Two made the good confession, and others were deeply impressed. The very best of interest was manifested, and we have reasons to believe that a future ingathering is near. We recently organized Sunday-school here, met last Sunday for our first, were encouraged by interest and number. Our little band of New Paris is grandly moving along in the march to Zion. Your sister in the good cause.

Feb. 25.

SINDA MAYSE.